

Appl. No. 10/664,266  
Resp. Dated Sep., 2004  
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## **REMARKS/ARGUMENT**

### **I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-31 are pending.

Claims 1-27 are elected.

Claims 28-31 are withdrawn.

### **II. Claim Restriction/Election**

Restriction of inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Claims 1-27, drawn to a shock absorbing device are hereby elected.

Claims 28-31, drawn to a method of making a shock absorbing device, are hereby withdrawn.

### **III. Election of Species**

The Applicants hereby elect the species depicted in Figures 1-2. Claims that read upon elected species are claims 1-27 as now amended.

### **IV. Amendment of Claims**

Applicants amend independent claims 7, 12, 14, and 18 to depend from claim 1, which contains the elected species. No new matter is added as all elements can be combined into a bumper assembly.

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**V. Conclusion**

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that all rejections be withdrawn and the application be passed to issue. Please disregard the previous claim listing regarding the withdrawal of claim 27, which should have read original.

Respectfully submitted,

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